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**P**AUL HOOD Doctor of Divinity, Rector of Lincoln Colledge, and Vice-Chancellour of the University of Oxford, to all whom it may concern, Greeting. Whereas the Statutes of the University require certain Scholasticall and Decent Habits, befitting every Person, in his severall Degree to be used, and put on, when he shall appear any where in publique within the Precincts of the University, especially at Sermons, and other Scholasticall Exercises. And whereas for divers years last past, there hath been almost a total neglect, throughout the whole University herein, contrary to the Statutes and good Discipline of the same. We therefore (considering the dishonour that may redound to the University, by this apparent neglect, and that many inconveniences may ensue thereupon, if we shall not with all severity uphold that Laudable Use, and Custome) do peremptorily, and expressly Require and Command every Graduate to appear in his Formalities, at Sermons, and elsewhere, according to the Statutes therein provided. As also Undergraduates to wear such Gowns and Caps, as are limited and expressed for their Condition. And that this our Command and Decree may receive the more speedy and effectual Execution, and that none may pretend ignorance herein, We desire every Governour and Head within this University, that upon receipt hereof, he Assemble his Company, and publish unto them the Tenor and Contents of these Presents; and withall to admonish them to conform themselves to the Statutes in these particulars; otherwise We professe to Execute the Rigour of the Statutes upon such as shall hereafter offend therein.

*PAUL HOOD, Vice-Chan. Oxon.*